

## DR. VAN SCHAICK CITIZENS' GUEST

Tells at Northwest's Meet-  
ing Incidents of His War  
Experience.

Reciting anecdotes of the world war and avoiding specific reference to the opposition against his confirmation as District Commissioner, Rev. Dr. John Van Schaick, Jr., was a speaker and guest of honor at a reception by the Northwest Suburban Citizens' Association last night in Tenley School.

Dr. Van Schaick declared that the reaction following the war, which caused a disinterest in the details of the struggle, was disappearing and the country was entering on a period when the detailed account of individuals in the war will be sought.

"There were many curious incidents in the war," he declared, "among which was the story of how poker—which is a very wicked game, and which I don't know whether you citizens of the northwest understand—saved the lives of four soldiers."

"Germans were shelling their bivouac. Four officers left their group and went to a secluded spot for a little game of poker. In the meantime the group was blown up by a shell landing on the shelter. Poker saved the lives, according to the four players. Another woman declared that prayer saved her life. She was about to retire. She knelt down at the bedside to say her prayers. A shell fragment cut through the pillow on which her head would have been had she neglected her prayers. Prayer saved her life."

### Democracy of Royalty.

He spoke of the democracy of the King and Queen of Belgium, who disregarded royal prerogatives and remained in the danger zone with their people. At one time a shell dropped in the garden of the queen and at another a house opposite their palace was blown to bits.

"I remember helping a soldier whose car was stalled in the mud," he concluded. "It was when the first American troops were arriving on the other side and when the sight of an American uniform meant much to the heart of a man from the United States. When the operation was concluded the soldier glanced up at me and asked: 'Isn't your name Van Schaick?' 'Yes,' I said. 'I'm from Eastern High School,' he replied. 'Curious, wasn't it?'"

A resolution requesting the speedy completion of the work of widening Wisconsin avenue from 37th street to the District line was adopted. It will be forwarded to the District Commissioners.

Another resolution requesting the placing of a fireplug, at the expense of residents, near Albemarle street and 44th street, was adopted. It was pointed out that approximately twenty families were living in this section, 2,500 feet away from the nearest fireplug, while the maximum length of hose carried by the fire apparatus is 1,250 feet.

Decision was reached to join in the school betterment drive with allied organizations.

### WILL LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOOL BETTERMENT

Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations to Act Tuesday.

An independent campaign for school betterment will be formally launched by the District Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations at the Teachers' Club, 11th and F streets, next Tuesday afternoon, as a result of a special delegate meeting of the organization yesterday.

Arrangements were made for the intensive survey of every school in the city, with special regard to play space and toilet room facilities, and the use of temporary housing, by parents and teachers of children in the respective schools. A central committee to distribute questionnaires, supervise the work and assemble the data for use in the campaign was appointed at the close of yesterday's session.

The committee is composed of Mrs. W. E. Bell, Brightwood Park School; Mrs. L. B. Wright, Jackson School; Mrs. E. Zahn, Edmonds School; Mrs. Blunt, Congress Heights School; Mrs. A. L. Blakeslee, West School; Mrs. H. N. Spotswood, parent-teacher activities chairman; Mrs. L. S. Doten, member-at-large; Mrs. Joseph N. Saunders, member-at-large; Mrs. Giles Scott Rafter, president of the association.

The women yesterday were advised by Roland Robbins of the executive committee of the School Betterment Council to write members of the congressional committees on District affairs, and ask for more teachers and better school equipment and facilities. They decided to join the council and co-operate fully, but not to give up their determination to push an independent campaign.

Mrs. Saunders, treasurer of the Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations, characterized as false and absurd sensational reports of gambling, delinquency and immoral dress among school children.

### MARRIAGE TALE UNUSUAL

Girl's Petition Says She Consented to Wed Man to Aid Sister.

Bertha Corton, a minor, by her next friend, Anna M. Kraft, has filed suit in the District Supreme Court for the annulment of her marriage to Simon R. McFarlan.

The papers in the case tell an unusual story, the plaintiff claiming that she had consented to go through the ceremony as an accommodation to her sister that she might hold the affections of the man until the sister could obtain a divorce so that she might marry McFarlan.

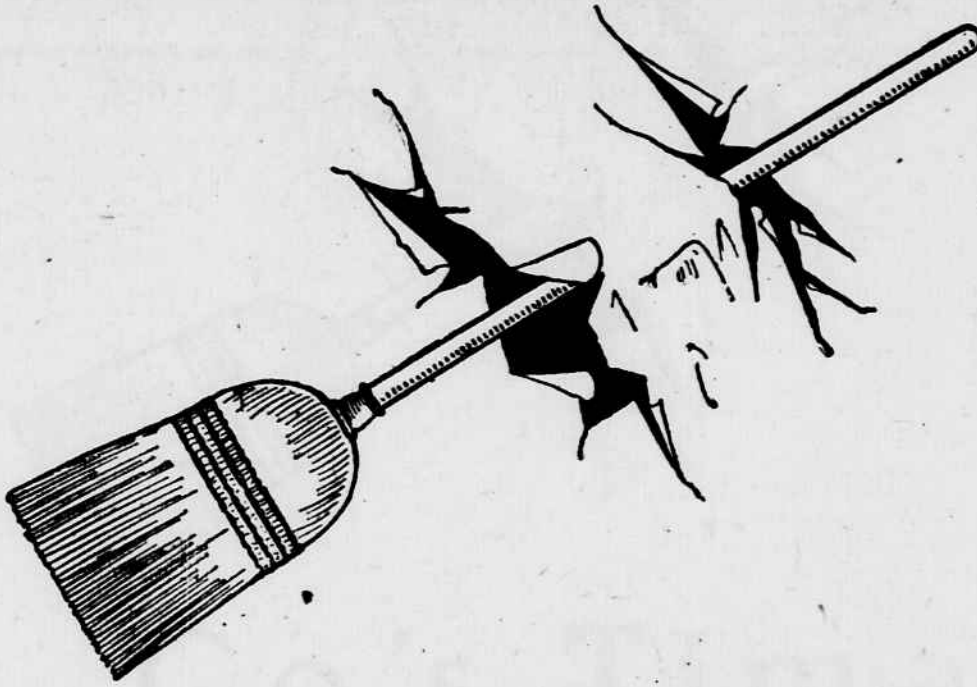
The plaintiff tells the court she was born at Tampa, Fla., 1904, and came to Washington with her sister, Mrs. J. J. Shaffer, a former wife of McFarlan, to see him. Because of the second marriage the sister was not favorably received by McFarlan, it is said, and Mrs. Shaffer is alleged to have suggested to the young sister that she "hold on to him" for her. The plaintiff asserts that she finally consented to become the wife in name only of the defendant and a license was secured October 12 last, by Mrs. Shaffer, authorizing Rev. T. E. Davis to marry Simon R. McFarlan, twenty-seven years old, and Bertha Corton, whose age was given as seventeen years. The girl, in her petition, says she only recently passed her sixteenth birthday.

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Over 1,000 The Hecht Co. Shirts.  
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Over 400 Warm Winter Coats.  
Over 300 Stylish Suits.  
Over 100 Afternoon and Evening Dresses.  
Over 90 Separate Skirts.  
Over 25 Fur Coats.  
Over 100 Separate Fur Pieces.  
Over 300 Silk and Net Blouses.  
Over 500 Lingerie Blouses.  
Over 150 Pieces Silk and Cotton Lingerie.  
Over 1,500 Pairs Women's Hosiery.  
Over 1,200 Pieces Knit Underwear.  
Over 300 Pairs Shoes.

### For Misses & Girls

Over 100 Misses' Coats.  
Over 250 Misses' Dresses.  
Over 25 Misses' Party Dresses.  
Over 100 Misses' Suits.  
Over 75 Misses' Separate Skirts.  
Over 200 Pairs Misses' Shoes.  
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Over 75 Girls' Dresses.  
Over 90 Pairs Girls' Shoes.  
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Over 350 Little Boys' Overcoats.  
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Over 500 Boys' Shirts and Blouses.  
Over 300 Boys' Knickerbockers.  
Over 200 Boys' Raincoats and Sweaters.

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Over 300 Pairs Blankets  
Over 600 Bed Sheets  
Over 150 Bed Comforts  
Over 1,200 Pillowcases  
Over 1,100 Window Shades

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Over 2,000 Small Rugs  
Over 300 Pairs Lace Curtains  
Over 150 Pairs Scrim Curtains  
Over 1,000 Yards Cretonne

### For Kiddies

Over 150 Kiddies' Coats.  
Over 250 Infants' Dresses.  
Over 50 Infants' Bonnets.  
Over 100 Kiddies' Rompers.  
Over 2,000 Pieces Children's Underwear.  
Over 75 Children's Sweaters.  
Over 500 Children's Hosiery.  
Over 500 Children's Knit Underwear.  
Over 100 Pair Kiddies' Drawer Leggings.  
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